

NEWS AND COSSIP OF THE DEPARTMENTS

CENSUS BUREAU

DR. NORTH RETURNS FROM NEW ENGLAND

Director of Bureau Votes While at His Home in Brookline, Mass.—Rossiter Spends a Few Days in New York City—Wilbur Is at Lansing.

Dr. S. N. D. North, director of the Bureau of the Census, returned to Washington Thursday night from a week's stay in New England. On Tuesday he voted at his home, Brookline, Mass., after which he went to New York City for a short stay on business for the bureau.

William S. Rossiter, chief clerk of the Bureau of the Census, returned to the office Wednesday after having spent a few days in New York City, where he cast his vote on Tuesday.

Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics, was at his home in Lansing, Mich., on Tuesday to cast his vote.

Horace Ward, assistant chief clerk, who is spending some time in Vermont for the purpose of recuperating his health, sends word that he has been greatly benefited by the change of climate and the resulting rest, and has already gained several pounds in weight.

Dr. John W. Hart, of the manufactures division, was at his home in Weymouth, Mass., for several days last week, where he cast his vote.

Frank Trafelet, of the manufactures division, and wife are spending several weeks at Vevay, Ind., with relatives and friends.

S. R. Dougherty, captain of the watch, was at his home in Pottsville, Pa., for the election.

William Birdsall, of the watch force, has been on the sick list for several days.

William Ranger, of the population division, is spending his annual leave at his old home in North Dakota, where he cast his ballot on Tuesday.

Joseph J. Caldwell, of the population division, who went to his home in Indiana to vote, will spend some of his annual leave visiting relatives and friends.

JAMES D. BOYLE BACK FROM VOTING

James D. Boyle, of the manufactures division, who went to Buffalo, N. Y., last week to vote, returned by way of Rochester, N. Y., to secure additional data for the census on electrical industries.

George E. Oiler, of the manufactures division, accompanied by his family, left Monday for his old home in Litchfield, Ill., where two weeks will be spent visiting relatives and friends.

Word has been received that Mrs. May Harris, of the manufactures division, who went to California about three weeks ago on account of her health, is quite ill at the home of her sister in San Francisco.

Ringham Martin, of the manufactures division, has returned from a short visit to his home in Philadelphia, Pa.

William W. Sawyer, of the manufactures division, who has been spending a few days at his home in Camden, N. J., where he cast his ballot on Tuesday, has returned to duty.

John Hopkins, of the agriculture division, returned Thursday morning on a trip to his old home in North Carolina, where he visited relatives and voted.

I. C. Foster, of the agriculture division, returned on Wednesday from a short stay in Virginia.

James Stevenson, of the agriculture division, returned to his desk Monday morning after being confined to the hospital for four weeks.

H. G. Balkam, of the agriculture division, has been confined to his home for several days the past week with the rheumatism.

Morton H. Phillips, of the manufactures division, has returned from a short trip to Philadelphia, Pa.

George H. Van Emon, of the manufactures division, has returned from a trip to his old home, Yorkville, Ill., where he went to vote.

CHARLES H. LeROY EXTENDS HIS LEAVE

Charles H. LeRoy, of the manufactures division, who early last week went to his home at Putnam, Conn., to vote, extended his leave several days for the purpose of visiting relatives in Providence, R. I.

D. A. Defandorf, of the manufactures division, has returned from a short visit and voting trip to his home at Hyndesville, N. Y.

Robert T. Boyd, of the manufactures division, has gone to his home near Covington, Tenn., for a two weeks' visit.

Arthur S. Annett, of the manufactures division, who went to his home in New Hampshire to vote, remained throughout the week visiting friends and relatives.

Edwin M. Biles left the past week for field duty, having been detailed to collect data for the report on religious bodies in the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut.

Theodore N. Waddell, who has been collecting statistics of cities in Massachusetts, has been transferred to New Britain, Conn., for similar service.

Finlay McN. Johnston, of the manufactures division, went to McConellsburg, Pa., last week to visit friends and to vote.

J. D. Lewis, acting chief statistician for manufactures, paid a brief visit to Scranton, Pa., last week for the purpose of voting. In his absence D. C. Roper was the acting chief statistician for manufactures.

Frank L. Sanford, expert chief of division, of manufactures, has returned to office after spending some time in New Hampshire hunting. On his return he spent a day or two in New York City.

Lewis R. Stealy, of the manufactures division, has returned from a voting trip to his home in Williamsburg, Ky., in

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

POSTOFFICE RETURNS RURAL ROUTES HASTEN RETURNS OF ELECTION

Good Roads Resulting From System Enables Carriers to Bring Quick Report of News From Remote Sections—Telephones Also Aid.

One of the features that should not be overlooked in connection with the prompt election returns is the establishment of rural routes for mail service throughout the country. It has been through the establishing of such routes that news is more quickly secured, not only because of the passability of the roads, but because the farmers living along these routes are installing telephone service, which would be practically impossible otherwise. The records of the department show that on November 2, 1908, there were in operation throughout the United States 39,516 rural routes, served by 29,390 carriers. Deliveries and collections are made daily on all of the routes except 634, upon which routes service is rendered only twice each week. On November 2, there had been 58,272 petitions received for investigation, upon which 16,391 adverse reports were made; 1,849 petitions are pending; 55 routes have been established commencing December 1, 1908, while 1,794 petitions remain unacted upon. These figures emphasize the fact that the rural mail service is becoming one of the biggest factors of the entire postoffice service.

The establishment of a parcels post system will greatly add to this service, and if the postal savings bank scheme advocated by Postmaster General Meyer is further added to the service, it will be but a short space of time when the farmer will be receiving equally as good and efficient a means of communication with the outside world and transacting his business as the inhabitants of the large cities. Postmaster General Meyer, since his induction into office, has been an ardent, tireless worker for the improvement of the rural mail service, and backed up by his able assistants, has brought that service up to a high point of perfection. Mr. DeGraw is also a strong advocate of good roads, and enforces the regulation that trucks traveled by rural mail carriers must be kept in good condition, or the route will be discontinued. This regulation, while in a sense a "big stick," is very effective and the roads throughout the country are being tended more carefully than at any other time in the history of this country. Numerous objections have been made, and have come by the department in its endeavor to help the farmers, and though formerly it was considered a dangerous undertaking, many would now make application for the position of rural letter carriers.

George F. Shaw, assistant superintendent of buildings, who was acting chief clerk of the department, threw the building open to visitors elector night. Many clerks and their friends took advantage of this and escape the crowds on the streets while receiving the returns.

Dr. O. H. Briggs, acting purchasing agent, arranged a large number of seats in room 206, which the members of the office force and their friends occupied.

Edward Hammond, office of the Second Assistant, returned Wednesday from his home in Harrisburg, Pa., where he had gone to cast his vote.

One of the interesting and pleasing features of election evening at the Postoffice Department was the playing of the gramophone furnished by Dr. T. C. S. Marshall, of the office of purchasing agent. Dr. Marshall, with a number of friends, occupied room 206, and while the returns were coming in, selections from the opera "Il Trovatore," ragtime melodies, and comical talks were played on the machine.

The museum on the third floor of the Postoffice Department was opened to visitors Tuesday night, and proved quite an attraction. It was estimated that over a thousand people visited the museum between 7 and 11 o'clock.

The returns Tuesday evening indicating that Congressman Jesse Overstreet, chairman of the Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads, would be defeated by a small plurality, caused considerable uneasiness in the department. Mr. Overstreet's knowledge of postal service matters enables him to grasp situations much more quickly and effectively than it would be possible for a new chairman, and the department was interested in his fight for re-election.

James R. Ash, clerk in the office of the Assistant Attorney General, returned to his home in Harrisburg, Pa., where he had gone to cast his vote.

Gen. W. A. Knapp, also of the Assistant Attorney General's office, returned to his home in Massillon, Ohio, where he had gone to cast his vote.

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There are many other boxers of more or less experience employed at the Postoffice Department. Harry McAllister is one of the best of them.

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COMMERCE AND LABOR

BRIDEGROOMS FLOCK BACK TO THEIR WORK

Regular Influx of Them and Returning Voters Is Noticeable in Every Division—Herbert Knox Smith Returns Soon.

The Department of Commerce and Labor, which has had its share of weddings, notwithstanding the election and other absorbing and distracting matters, is witnessing a general return of the bridegrooms, as well as those employees who went to their homes for the purpose of voting. Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, who recently married Miss Dietrich, will return the first part of this week, after spending his honeymoon at points in New England.

William H. Houseknecht, of the disbursing office, who recently married Miss Laura E. Naugle, of Pennsylvania, returned to his desk Monday morning from his vacation and honeymoon, and will give a royal reception by his fellow-workers.

Charles A. Conrad, the chief clerk of the department, is one of the clearest and brightest and heavy club swingers in Washington. He is also acknowledged as the champion long-distance walker in the Postoffice Department.

Dr. John A. Holmes, private secretary to the Postmaster General, was a wonder with the militia before entering the Government service, and while he was a member of the Washington Bureau of the Associated Press, he stopped all comers, although he was only a featherweight.

Was Famous Athlete.

William M. Mooney, disbursing clerk of the department, while not in the "has been" class by any means, was a famous athlete in Washington fifteen years ago when the old Columbia Athletic Club was in its heyday. Mr. Mooney was one of the greatest boxers that ever put on the mitts before this club.

George G. Thomson, the assistant chief clerk, reuses largely on his ability as a tennis player and a roller skater. He plays with six or seven of the best players in the department's hall of fame. Mr. Thomson was the principal mover in the roller skating fad of last year, which was so popular with Government clerks.

Richard C. Covert, superintendent of the division of supplies, is known as the "strong man" of the department. He plays with six or seven of the best players in the department's hall of fame. Mr. Thomson was the principal mover in the roller skating fad of last year, which was so popular with Government clerks.

Terence V. Powderly, chief of the division of appointments, has returned from a short stay at his home in South Bend, Ind., where he cast his ballot on Tuesday.

Charles S. Donaldson, chief of the consular division, bureau of manufactures, has returned from a trip to Pennsylvania, where he visited several points in that State and also cast his vote while there.

Edward H. Wyvil, chart corrector in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, has been promoted from \$1,600 to \$1,620 per annum.

Burton E. Gardner, photographic division, Bureau of Corporations, has been spending a few days in Liberty, Ind.

Lee P. Calfee, stenographic division, Bureau of Corporations, has returned from a brief visit to Pulaski, Va.

HAS BEEN ON VISIT TO INDIANA HOME

A. F. Collins, of the Bureau of Manufactures, returned yesterday from a trip to his old home in Indiana, where he went to cast his vote and pay a visit to relatives and friends.

Daniel P. J. McKenna, of the division of naturalization, will resume his duties tomorrow, after an absence of a week. He has been spending time at his home in New Jersey.

Henry C. Schultze, of the chief clerk's division, has tendered his resignation, and will engage in private work.

J. E. Whitman, of the chief clerk's division, has been on the sick list for a few days.

Homer Stanforth, of the division of naturalization, has returned to his desk after paying a pleasant visit of a month to relatives and friends at his old home in Blanchester, Ohio.

C. D. Evans, of the division of naturalization, returned from a trip to Chillicothe, Ohio.

SHROUT ON A VISIT TO MISSOURI HOME

San F. ShROUT, time clerk, Bureau of Corporations, is paying a visit to his home in Missouri.

Adrian L. Homer, of the division of appointments, returned to his desk Friday after spending a few days at his home in West Virginia, where he cast his vote on Tuesday.

George W. Harsch, of the disbursing office, is spending some time at his home in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Frederick Watts, Jr., of the Bureau of Immigration, was in New York for a short stay the first part of the week.

Luther Hess Waring, assistant chief clerk of the Bureau of Corporations, returned yesterday from a stay of a week at his old home in Tyrone, Pa.

John H. Dwyer, chief of the computing division, Bureau of Corporations, is spending part of his annual leave on a visit to his old home at Cleveland, Ohio.

Ishmael Burton, of the computing division, Bureau of Corporations, is spending part of his annual leave in West Virginia.

Frank T. Horner, of the division of naturalization, has returned from a week's stay at his home in Ithaca, N. Y., where he went to cast his vote.

George H. Thomas, of the division of naturalization, will return to his desk tomorrow after a stay of a week at his home in New Jersey.

Charles C. Huntington, special agent, Bureau of Corporations, is making a trip to Springfield, Ohio.

THE DEMOCRATIC EAR.

"You are going to say something soulful," declared the fiance. "I see it in your lovely eyes."

"What I was going to say is this," responded the fiance. "Won't you wear a rubber band around your head nights, so as to train your ears not to stick out."—Louisville Courier-Journal.